

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/768,712

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to remarks filed 01/24/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed reference listed in the information Disclosure Submitted on 03/09/06 have been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 1-7**, are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding **claims 1, 2**, the present application teaches a portable radio communication apparatus which has sound input device, a sound output device, a first case, a second case which connected to the first case so as to rotate between a fully open position, in which the second display is in a used condition, with respect to the first case. The first display is automatically illuminated, and the second display automatically turned off, when the second case is in the fully open position, and the second display is automatically illuminated when the second case is in the fully closed position. Thus when second case is in the fully open position, second display is automatically turned off and first display is automatically turned on as specifically subsidized in claims 1, and 2.

Regarding **claim 5**, the present application teaches a portable radio communication apparatus which has sound input device, a sound output device, a first

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case, a second case which connected to the first case so as to rotate between a fully open position, in which the second display is in a used condition, with respect to the first case. The first display is automatically illuminated, and the second display automatically turned off, when the second case is in the fully open position, and the second display is automatically illuminated when the second case is in the fully closed position. Thus when second case is in the fully open position, second display is automatically turned off and first display is automatically turned on as specifically subsidized in claim 5.

The closest prior art such as Yoon modified by Meins and Moriya. Yoon teaches a single illuminator that simultaneously illuminates both display screens regardless of whether the folder is in an open or closed position, Meins only teaches the use of one display screen, and Moriya discloses a phone having a front display section and a rear display section, a foldable first housing on which is formed front display section and rear display sections. However, Moriya provides no disclosure of automatic illumination or non-illumination of its various displays depending on the position of housing.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. **Any responses to this action should be mailed to:**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naghmeh Mehrpour whose telephone number is 571-272-7913. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00- 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold be reached (571) 272-7905.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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March 23, 2006

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